

Yona of the Dawn

The cover art features a young woman with long, flowing red hair and blue eyes. She is wearing a traditional East Asian-style crown with gold and red details. Her attire consists of a red robe with gold floral patterns and a purple patterned shawl. She is holding a sword with a blue hilt and a gold guard. Several other swords are visible in the background, some with ornate hilt designs. Large, detailed pink peonies are in the bottom right corner. The overall style is anime/manga.

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THE
CRIMSON
STAR
RISES...





Yona
of the
Dawn

CHAPTER 1: PRINCESS YONA

*Yona
of the
Dawn*



WELL,
WE'RE
IN THE
MOUN-
TAINS.

IT'S
CHILLY
HERE.



BACK
THEN...

I'M
FREEZ-
ING.



PRIN-
CESS
YONA.
WE
SHOULD
GET
MOVING.

ALL
RIGHT.



THIS
IS THE
KINGDOM
OF KOHKA.

I USED
TO LIVE
IN HIRYUU
PALACE.

THE KING HAD
NO SON TO
SUCCEED HIM,
AND NO QUEEN
TO BEAR HIM ONE.

...I HAD
NO IDEA IT
COULD GET
SO COLD
OUTSIDE
THE PALACE
WALLS.



FATHER?

DO YOU
THINK...

HE LAVISHED
ALL HIS
LOVE ON HIS
15-YEAR-OLD
DAUGHTER.

...THERE'S
SOME-
THING
WRONG
WITH MY
HAIR?



WELL...
MY FACE IS
PLEASING...

NO,
NOT AT
ALL.

EVEN
PRECIOUS
GEMS CAN'T
HOLD A
CANDLE TO
YOUR BEAUTY.

BUT
STILL,
FATHER!



NO
NEED TO
DIS-
PARAGE
IT SO.

IT MAKES
NO SENSE
AT ALL!



IF ANY-
THING...

INDEED,
KING
IL.
I CAN'T
SEE ANYONE
CLAIMING
THERE'S A
SINGLE THING
WRONG
WITH THE
PRINCESS'S
HAIR.



THIS
HAIR—!

WHY IS
IT SO
FRIZZY
AND
RED?

MOTHER'S
HAIR WAS
SO BLACK
AND SILKY.



**SILENCE,
FLUNKY.**

**...THERE'S
SOMETHING
WRONG
WITH HER
HEAD.**



Now,
now...
**YOU
AND HAK
HAVE
GROWN
UP TO-
GETHER.**

**A
SERVANT
SHOULDN'T
BE SO
ARRO-
GANT!**

WHUP WHUP

**DO
SOME-
THING
ABOUT
HIM,
FATHER!**



**LORD
SU-WON...
...HAS
ARRIVED.**

**SHOULDN'T
YOU BE
MAKING
YOURSELF
LOOK MORE
CHARMING?**

**SPEAK-
ING OF
CHARM
...**

**I'D MUCH
RATHER HAVE
SOMEONE
WITH MORE
CHARM.**

**THERE
IS NO
ONE
BETTER
TO BE
YOUR
GUARD.**

**AND HE
MAY BE ONLY
18, BUT THE
FACT IS HE'S
ONE OF OUR
FINEST
GENERALS.**

WHAT
DIFFERENCE
WOULD
IT MAKE
TO HIM?
THEY'RE
COUSINS.

IS HE
WHY
SHE WAS
CON-
CERNED
ABOUT
HER
HAIR?

SU-
WON?

WHY
DIDN'T
YOU
SAY SO
SOONER?!

SUPA
SUPA
SUPA
SUPA

SU-
WON...

King II,
you still
have
official
business
to attend
to.

What?!

SIP

Girls,
Go
figure.

SU-WON...

HE'S MY
COUSIN,
AND THREE
YEARS
OLDER
THAN ME.

HE
WAS SO
KIND.

HE WAS
ALWAYS AT
MY SIDE
WHEN WE
WERE
LITTLE.

LOOK
OUT!

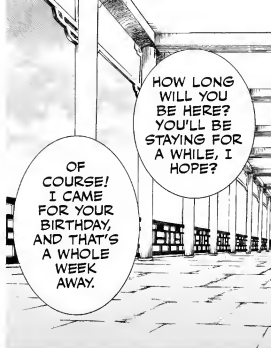
IT'S
BEEN
AGES...

OOF!

BOMP

IT'S BEEN
SO LONG
SINCE I
LAST SAW
HIM...





Hello! It's lovely to meet you. I'm Mizuho Kusanagi. Thank you for picking up the first volume of *Yona of the Dawn*! This time around, I'm trying to create a fantasy series.

After *NG Life* ended, I had no idea I'd be writing a story like this! I've always dreamed of writing a fantasy series starring a girl, but I never thought I'd get a chance to do it, so I'm very grateful for this opportunity. It's my job to flesh out this basic framework I'm starting with, and I'll do my best to bring it to life! I hope you enjoy it.

SU-WON
THINKS OF
ME THE
SAME WAY
HE ALWAYS
HAS...

"YONA?"

STUPID
SU-WON...

"WHAT'S
THE
MATTER,
YONA?"

BUT—

SHUT
UP!

LEAVE
ME
ALONE,
SU-WON.

I HEARD
YOU
HAVEN'T
BEEN
EATING
LATELY.

WHA
—?!

IT'S ALL
RIGHT. NO
ONE ELSE
CAN SEE
YOU NOW.

!

FWIP



IT'S
OKAY.

YOU
CAN CRY
NOW.



IT HASN'T
BEEN VERY
LONG SINCE
THE QUEEN
DIED.

YEAH...

...FOR
SO
LONG.

I
HAVEN'T
BEEN
SLEEP-
ING...

?!

I'LL BE
YOUR
MOTHER.

I
KNOW!

MY
MOTH-
ER'S
GONE
...

SHE'S
GONE.



I'LL HOLD
YOUR
HAND 'TIL
YOU FALL
ASLEEP...

...JUST
LIKE THE
QUEEN
USED TO.

AND IF
YOU NEED
TO CRY...

G
R

LOOK,
MY TUTOR
GAVE ME
THIS PEAR.

YOU
HAVE
TO EAT
SOME-
THING,
OKAY?

But your
stomach's
growling...

ROWL

Take it!



...I'LL WIPE
YOUR TEARS
AWAY...



SO...

...SO NO
ONE WILL
SEE THEM.



HOW
CAN I
SLEEP...

YOU
DUMMY.

I WANT YOU
TO SMILE
TOMORROW.

...WHEN MY
HEART'S
BEATING SO
LOUDLY?

YOU ARE...

...THE CENTER OF MY WORLD.



I TUCKED
SOME
SPECIAL
SNACKS
AWAY!

G-GOOD
MORNING,
SU-WON!



NOT THERE

PERHAPS
WE
COULD—

OH,
YOUR
HIGH-
NESS!

LORD
SU-WON
AND
GENERAL
HAK ARE
OUTSIDE.

THEY'RE
CLOSE
IN AGE,
SO IT'S
NATURAL
THAT THEY
GET ALONG
WELL.

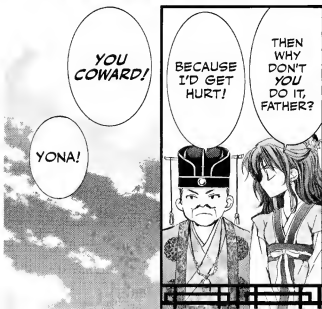
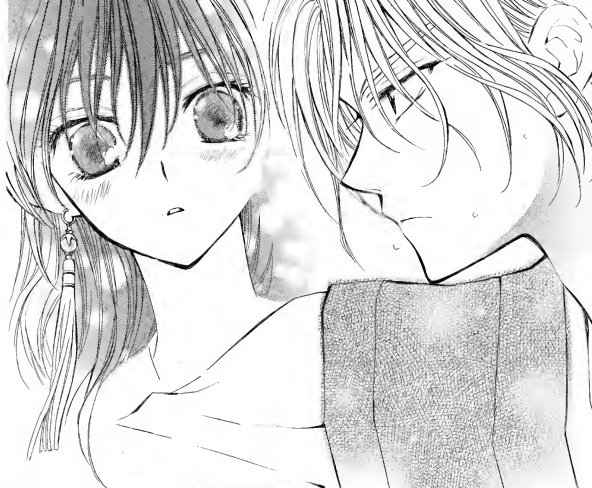
NOW, NOW.
THEY HAVEN'T
SEEN EACH
OTHER IN A
LONG TIME
EITHER.

HE WENT
OFF TO
PLAY WITH
SU-WON
AND DIDN'T
INVITE ME!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
HAK!

TRUNG





IT'S SO
HIGH UP!
I'M
NERVOUS.

IT'S
ONLY A
RIDE.
SHE'LL
BE FINE.

SU-
WON!

COME
OVER
HERE.

YOU CAN
RIDE MY
HORSE
WITH ME.

I'M
GOING
TO
CLOBBER
YOU!

I'M THE
ONE WHO'S
ABOUT TO
GET
SQUASHED
UNDER HER
WEIGHT.

SAYS
YOU.

RELAX.
HAK AND
I WILL
TAKE
CARE OF
YOU.

I DO.

H
O
I
S
T

BUT I
LIKE YOU
MORE.

DON'T
WORRY!

YOU...

...LIKE
HORSES,
DON'T
YOU?





I BET
YOU INVITE
TONS OF
WOMEN
BACK TO
YOUR
CHAMBER.

YOU JUST
SEEM SO
COMFORT-
ABLE BEING
CLOSE TO
A GIRL.

My
Oh!

NOOO,
WHY DID
I SAY
THAT?!

MARRIAGE
OFFERS?!

I'VE
RECEIVED
SOME
MARRIAGE
OFFERS
THOUGH.

IT'S
NOT
LIKE
THAT,
HON-
EST.



N-NO!

SO I'M
RIGHT?

I-I'VE
RECEIVED
MARRIAGE
OFFERS
TOO!

TREATING
ME LIKE
A KID
AGAIN?!

THERE'S
NO POINT
TALKING
TO YOU
ABOUT
THAT.

GRR

NO ONE
TOLD ME
THAT!



WELL,
NOTHING'S
BEEN
DECIDED.

LET'S
CHANGE
THE
SUBJECT.

HUH?
FROM
WHOM?



FROM
HAK!



IT'S
TOO FAR-
FETCHED
...

I
SEE.

ER
...



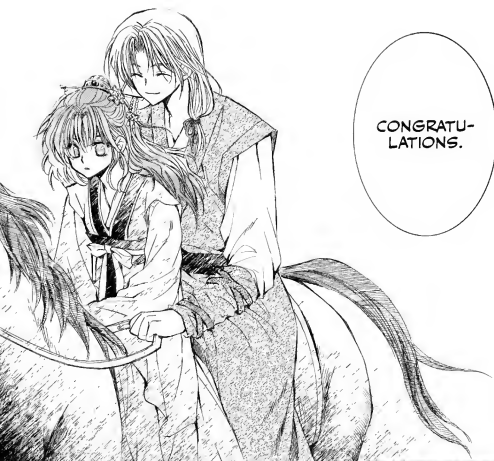
I THINK
THAT'S
WONDER-
FUL.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I
SAID A SERVANT
PROPOSED! IT'S
OBVIOUS I MADE IT
UP TO SAVE FACE!
BUT WHAT ELSE
COULD I HAVE SAID?
SERVANT OR NOT,
HAK'S THE ONLY
BOY I KNOW WHO'S
CLOSE TO
MY AGE...

I'M SO
STUPID...!

I WISH
SAID
SERVANT
WOULD
STOP
GIVING
ME THAT
"I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU SAID
THAT"
LOOK.





CONGRATU-
LATIONS.



YOU'RE
THE
TERRIBLE
ONE.

DRAG-
GING
ME IN...

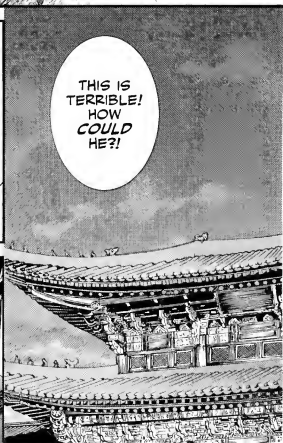
DOOM

HOW
COULD
SU-WON
BELIEVE
THAT
LIE?

THIS IS
TERRIBLE!
HOW
COULD
HE?!



YOUR
LITTLE
LIE
ABOUT
MARRIAGE
OFFERS
MIGHT
COME
TRUE.





THAT'S A
REASON-
ABLE AGE
TO BE
ENGAGED.

YOU'RE
NEARLY
16.

FATHER
?

HUH?

I WAS
GOING TO
DISCUSS IT
WITH YOU
EVENTU-
ALLY.

BUT...

NATURALLY,
I'LL CHOOSE
SOMEONE
SUITABLE.

SU-WON IS
OUT OF THE
QUESTION.

BUT
I HAVE
SU-WON...!



EXQUISITE
HAIRPINS
AND EAR-
RINGS...

A
FLOWER
GARDEN
IN THE
IMPERIAL
VILLA...

I'VE
GIVEN
YOU ALL
YOU'VE
EVER
WANTED.

STAY OUT
OF MY
LOVE LIFE,
FATHER!

EVERY-
THING
EXCEPT
WEAPONS.

BUT...

YONA
...



YOU
ARE THE
PRINCESS
OF KOHKA.

HOWEVER
MUCH YOU
MAY WISH
IT...

THE MAN
WHO WEDS
YOU...

...I
CANNOT
LET YOU
HAVE
SU-WON.

...WILL
BE OUR
COUNTRY'S
RULER
ONE DAY.

PLIP
PLIP



MMNNHH



HIS
FATHER WAS
YOUR ELDER
BROTHER—
MY UNCLE
YU-HON.

BUT...
SU-WON
HAS ROYAL
BLOOD.

YOU'RE
KING EVEN
THOUGH
YOU'RE A
COWARD!

YOU'RE
TOO
SCARED
TO EVEN
TOUCH A
SWORD!

THAT'S
TRUE. BUT
I AM KING,
AND I WILL
CHOOSE MY
SUCCESSOR.

YES,
BUT... I AM A
COWARD.

SO
WHY NOT
CHOOSE
SU-WON?
HE'S WONDER-
FUL!



YONA...

YOU WANT
SU-WON TO
BE HAPPY,
DON'T YOU?

I DON'T
KNOW...

DOES
THAT
MEAN...

I JUST
DON'T
KNOW
WHAT TO
THINK,
FATHER.

...YOUR
MOTHER WAS
KILLED BY
TRAITORS.

ALL
MEMBERS
OF THE
ROYAL
FAMILY
FACE THE
SAME
RISK.

ONCE I
REALIZED
THAT...

...I
COULDN'T
LET MYSELF
REARRY.



...I'M
CONTENT
TO LET MY
FUTURE
HUSBAND BE
UNHAPPY?

AND
WHAT
ABOUT
ME?



"YONA..."

"I'M
RIGHT
HERE.

"YOU'RE
NOT
ALONE.

"I'LL
ALWAYS
BE WITH
YOU.



AM I NOT
ALLOWED
TO BE
HAPPY?



...SU-
WON
SEES
ME
AS A
CHILD.

EVEN
IF HE
ALLOWED
ME TO
MARRY
SU-
WON...

IT
WOULDN'T
WORK
OUT.

IT NEVER
WOULD
HAVE
WORKED
OUT...

...BETWEEN
US.



"SO
SMILE."



MAYBE...

...FATHER
IS RIGHT.



NO...

IS THAT
THE
RAIN?

HMM?



SWIFF

IT'S
FOOT-
STEPS
...





IT CAN'T
BE...

THIS
CAN'T BE
HAPPENING!

THIP
THIP

"YOUR
MOTHER
WAS
KILLED BY
TRAITORS."





From my first publication through *NG Life*, my editor H and I worked together to hash out how my stories were going to go. But for Yona I was transferred to editor Y. Without H, I wouldn't have had *Mugen Spiral*, *Game x Rush* or *NG*, and without Y, I wouldn't have Yona. Thank you both!

I wasn't too sure about whether or not to do Yona, but editor Y gave me the encouragement I needed to go ahead with it.

I'm still pretty indecisive, but it helps that my editor makes quick decisions. I need to hang in there.





SORRY,
DID I
SCARE
YOU?

WHEN
YOU CAME
BURSTING
IN LIKE THAT,
I THOUGHT
YOU NEEDED
TO TALK.



S-SU-
WON?!



THERE'S
NO ONE
THERE.

...



SHUP



SU-
WON...



HE RAN
AWAY?

IF IT WERE
A PALACE
GUARD, HE
WOULD HAVE
CALLED OUT
TO ME.

I...



TH-
THERE'S
SOME-
ONE...

...A
STRANGER
FOLLOW-
ING ME!

"ALL
MEMBERS
OF THE
ROYAL
FAMILY
FACE THE
SAME
RISK."

I
WAS...

YONA?

BECAUSE
I'M THE
PRINCESS?

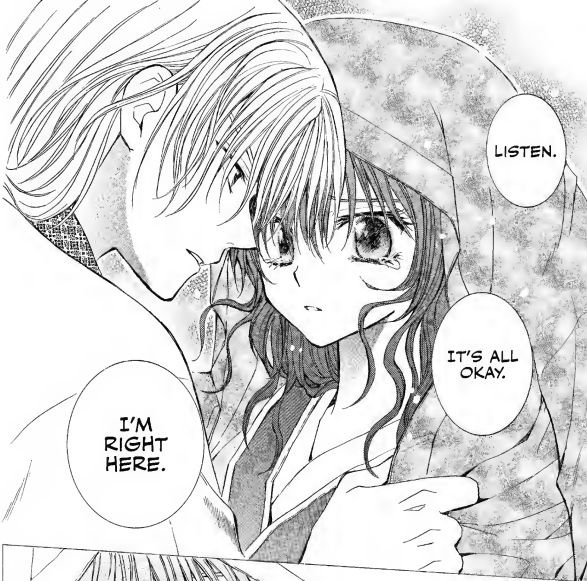
YONA!

NOOO!

...TARGETED.

BECAUSE...
I'M THE
KING'S
DAUGHTER?

PAF



LISTEN.

IT'S ALL
OKAY.

I'M
RIGHT
HERE.



SU-
WON...





IF I'M
HERE,
HE'LL
BE IN
DANGER
TOO.

I CAN'T
BE HERE
WITH
YOU.

NO,
I...

WHY
NOT?



THERE'S
NO NEED
TO HIDE
IT.

N...
NO, HE
ISN'T.

ISN'T
HE YOUR
FIANCÉ?



WHAT?

...I CAN
WALK
YOU
TO HIS
ROOM.

IF
YOU'D
PREFER
TO BE
WITH
HAK...



I...

NO.
SU-WON,
NO...

IT'S NOT
LIKE THAT.

...IF HE
FINDS
OUT WE
WERE
ALONE
TOGETH-
ER.

HE'S
GOING
TO BE
ANGRY
...

IT'S ALL RIGHT
IF YOU DON'T
SEE ME THE WAY
I SEE YOU...

SO...

THE
TRUTH
IS, I...



SU-WON...

I'VE...

...

FOR SO
LONG,
I'VE...

I'M
ALLOWED
TO HAVE
THESE
FEELINGS,
AREN'T I?

HUH?

HE'S
PRETEND-
ING
NOT TO
NOTICE
...

I'LL WALK
YOU TO
YOUR ROOM.
A GUARD
WILL STAY
WITH YOU.

LOOKS LIKE
THE RAIN'S
LETTING UP.

I... S-SU-
WON...

SLAP

...PLEASE
DON'T
GET SO
CLOSE.

I'M
SORRY,
BUT...



I MIGHT
GET THE
WRONG
IDEA.



IT'S
LIKE
YOU'RE...

SU-
WON?



...THE
WAY
YOU'RE
ACTING
...

I
MEAN
...

HOW
SO?



WHAT IF IT'S
EXACTLY
WHAT YOU
THINK IT IS?



WOULD
IT
BOTHER
YOU...



IT...
WOULD
BE A
PROB-
LEM.

...IF IT
WAS?



...I
WOULDN'T
KNOW
WHAT TO
DO.

...STARTED
THINKING
OF YOU AS
A WOMAN...

IF I
SUDDENLY...



okay. o...

**I KNOW
THAT!**

HUH?
WELL, UH...
LIKE A
SISTER.

How
do you
think of
me?





I CAN'T
HOLD
YOUR
HAND...

I'D LIE
AWAKE ALL
NIGHT FROM
NERVES.

...AND
SLEEP
BESIDE
YOU ANY-
MORE.



That's
amazing,
Yona!

You're
a late
bloomer.

I STARTED
FEELING
THAT WAY
WHEN I
WAS SIX
YEARS
OLD!

YOU
DID?
ABOUT
WHOM?



W-
WHAT
WAS
THAT?!

YOU'RE
MORE
CHILDLIKE
THAN I
THOUGHT.

Ha!

ONLY
NOW?



O-OH,
RIGHT.

hiss—

**YOU, OF
COURSE!**

!!

WELL...
ANY-
WAY...

FIVE
DAYS
LATER...

...THERE
WAS A
PARTY
AT HIRYU
PALACE TO
CELEBRATE
MY 16TH
BIRTHDAY.

...I
COULDN'T
BE
HAPPIER.

I REALLY
DO LOVE
SU-WON.

I DON'T
KNOW MUCH
ABOUT
COUNTRIES
AND
RULERS...

FATHER...

...I'M...

...ALL
RIGHT
WITH
THAT FOR
NOW.

IF
YOU'RE
EVEN...

...BUT...

...WHEN
HE'S
WITH
ME...

...A
TINY BIT
INTERESTED
IN ME...

DEAR
ME...

SIX-
TEEN!

MY
LITTLE
GIRL, ALL
GROWN
UP!

HOPELESS.
SHE'S ONLY
THINKING
ABOUT HER
HAIR.

IT'S
AWFUL!
I WANTED
TO PUT
IT UP
ELEGANTLY
TODAY!

FATHER,
MY HAIR
KEEPS
COMING
DOWN.

Acknowl-
edge
people's
greetings,
won't
you?

HAPPY
BIRTH-
DAY...

...YOUR
HIGH-
NESS!

HAPPY
BIRTH-
DAY!

SU-
WON!

PAT

PAT

TOUCHING
UP

HOLD
OUT
YOUR
HAND.

W-WHAT
IS IT?



WITH
MY
HAIR...?



THIS
WON'T
LOOK
GOOD
ON ME.

MY HAIR'S
RED AND
FRIZZY AND
ALWAYS
OUT OF
CONTROL.

HUH?



IT'S
SUCH A
BEAUTIFUL
RED...

WELL, I
THINK YOUR
HAIR'S
WONDER-
FUL.

IT'S THE
COLOR OF
THE SKY
AT DAWN.

LOOK.

IT WAS SO SIMPLE.



IN THAT
MOMENT,
I LOVED
MY HAIR
TOO.



UGH,
I BET
HE'S
DRUNK...!



WELL...



HIS
MAJESTY IS
SEARCHING
FOR YOU...
...YOUR
HIGH-
NESS.

HAK?!





GOOD
LUCK.

I'M SURE
YOU CAN
PERSUADE HIS
MAJESTY,
LORD
SU-WON.

I
FIGURED
THIS
WAS HOW
THINGS
WERE.

HUH?

...HAK.

IT'S
NOT
WHAT
YOU
THINK...



I KNOW
MY PLACE.

JUST
CALL ME
"SU-WON"
LIKE YOU
USED TO.

AND CAN
YOU NOT
BE SO
FORMAL?

WHAT?

YOU KNOW,
YONA
MENTIONED
SOMETHING
SIMILAR.

IT'S
LIKE
SOME-
THING'S
SNUCK
INTO THE
PALACE.

I CAN'T
PIN IT
DOWN, BUT
SOMETHING
DOESN'T
SEEM
RIGHT.
DO YOU
FEEL IT
TOO?

ANYWAY,
MY LORD,
I WANTED
TO ASK
YOU A
QUESTION.

THAT'S
HARSH,
GENERAL
HAK.

IT MIGHT
BE WISE
TO KEEP A
CLOSE EYE
ON EVERYONE
WHO COMES
AND GOES
TODAY.





SU-WON
SAID...

...HE
LIKED MY
HAIR.

I'M NEVER
GOING TO
BE ABLE
TO...

...STOP
THINKING
OF HIM
THIS WAY.



KLAK



"...I
CANNOT
LET YOU
HAVE
SU-WON."

"HOWEVER
MUCH YOU
MAY WISH
IT..."



I'M
COUNTING
ON YOU
TO LOOK
AFTER HER
HIGHNESS,
LORD
SU-WON.

VERY
WELL.

Aren't
you her
guard?

I TOLD
YOU,
IT'S NOT
WHAT
YOU
THINK.



IF I
EXPLAIN...

I'M GOING
TO TALK TO
FATHER!

I CAN'T
FORGET
SU-WON.

...I'M SURE
HE'LL
UNDERSTAND!



SHIVER

IF HE'S
NOT, I'LL
GO TO
SU-WON'S
ROOM.

OH,
SU-WON
...

FATHER WAS
AWFULLY DRUNK
TOO. I HOPE
HE'S SOBERED
UP ENOUGH
THAT WE CAN
HAVE A REAL
CONVERSA-
TION.

EVERYONE
DRINKS
TOO MUCH...

IT'S SO
QUIET
NOW
THAT THE
PARTY'S
OVER.



YOU CAN'T
BE THIS
CARELESS!

DRUNK
OR NOT,
FATHER,
YOU'RE
STILL
KING!

THE
DOOR'S
OPEN.



HM?

I WANT
TO SEE
YOU
SOON.



FATHER
...?

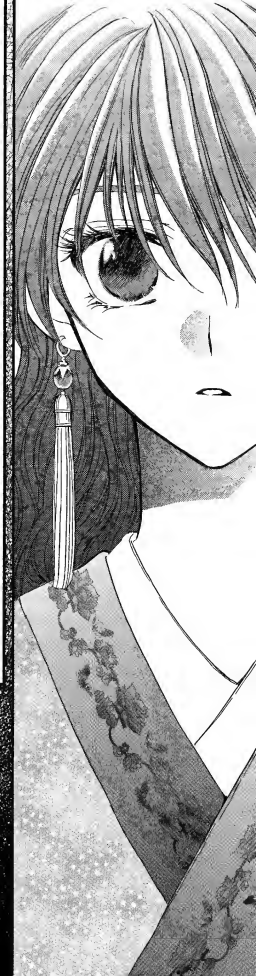
THERE ARE
USUALLY
SEVERAL
GUARDS
MAKING THE
ROUNDS.

AND
I DIDN'T
SEE A
SOUL ON
THE WAY
HERE.

THERE'S
NOT A
SINGLE
GUARD...?

NO...
SOME-
THING'S
NOT
RIGHT.

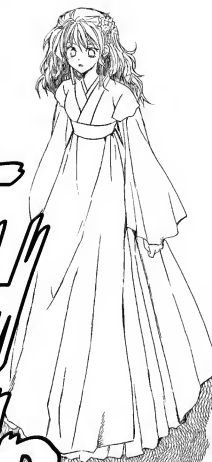






A A H H : : :

Up
Up
Up



F-
FATHER
?!





FATHER!

FATHER
...



SWAY

OH...



YOU'RE
STILL
AWAKE...

...PRINCESS
YONA?

**SU-
WON?!**

CHAPTER 2: SHATTERED BONDS

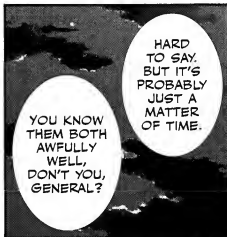






GENERAL
HAK!

IT'S
UNUSUALLY
QUIET...





I WANT
THEM TO
BE HAPPY
TOGETHER.



THOSE
TWO...



HOW
SHOULD
I PUT
IT?



I've been blogging since around June 2009. I'm not very good at using computers or writing about myself, but I wanted someplace to provide information about my work and send messages to my readers. I got my younger sister to help me create a page.♥

It's full of daily life and trivial thoughts, but please check it out if you're interested! And if you have feedback about my work, I look forward to hearing it! My blog is called "Mizuho Kusanagi's NG Life."

<http://yaplog.jp/sanaginonaka/>

I want to thank all of you who visit me there regularly.♥







I'VE...

...BEEN
DREAMING
OF THIS
DAY.

YOU...

WHY
...?

...CARED
ABOUT YOU
SO MUCH,
EVER SINCE
YOU WERE
LITTLE...

MY
FATHER
...

HOW-
EVER...

...BECAUSE
HE WAS
KIND.

PEOPLE
CALLED HIM
A COWARD
AND SAID
HE FEARED
BATTLE...

THAT'S
TRUE.
AND I
LOVED
KING IL
VERY
MUCH.



DO YOU
REMEMBER
MY FATHER,
YU-HON?

MY
UNCLE?

EVEN AS
A CHILD,
HE WAS
BOLD AND
CLEVER.

AND ONCE
HE WAS A
MAN, THE
ARMIES HE
LED WERE
UNDEFEATED.

EVERYONE
WANTED HIM
TO BECOME
THE NEXT
RULER
OF THE
COUNTRY.
EVERYONE
EXPECTED
IT.

AND
YET...



THAT
WASN'T
THE
TRUTH.



NOT
A SHRED
OF IT WAS
TRUE.



TEN YEARS
AGO, THE
OLD KING
CHOSE UNCLE
IL OVER MY
FATHER.

NO ONE
UNDER-
STOOD
WHY.

THE
ELDEST
SON WAS
SUPPOSED
TO BE HEIR
TO THE
THRONE...

...SO
WHY WAS
THE TIMID
YOUNGER
BROTHER
CHOSEN?



BUT MY
FATHER
ONLY
SMILED.

"THE
THRONE IS
NOT WHAT
MATTERS
TO ME.

"I'LL
CONTINUE
FIGHTING
ON THE
FRONT
LINES..."

"...TO
DEFEND MY
BROTHER
AND OUR
PEOPLE."



I WAS
SO PROUD
OF MY
FATHER.

I...

...
RESPECTED
HIM SO
MUCH.



THAT'S
WHAT I
BELIEVED.

...AND
GIVE MY
LIFE FOR
HIM
SOMEDAY.

...ON
THE
BATTLE-
FIELD...

I'D
GROW
UP TO
STAND
BESIDE
HIM...



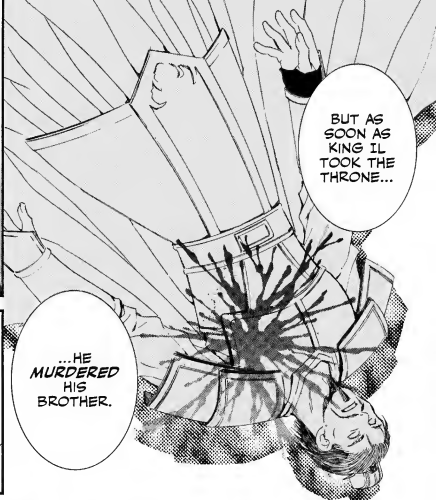
THAT'S
THE
OFFICIAL
STORY.

TH-THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!
THERE
WAS AN
ACCIDENT!



MY FATHER
DIED WHEN
YOURS
RAN HIM
THROUGH!

DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND?



BUT AS
SOON AS
KING IL
TOOK THE
THRONE...

...HE
MURDERED
HIS
BROTHER.

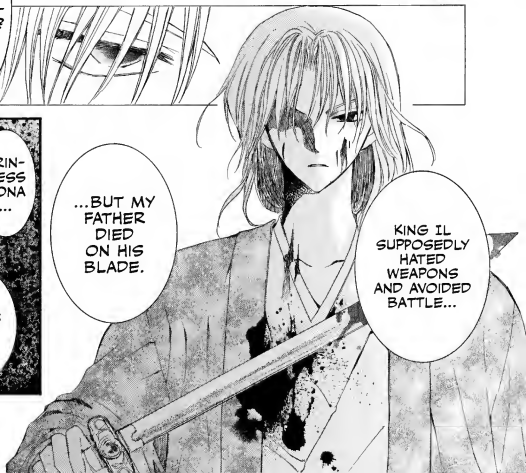


PRIN-
CESS
YONA
...

THAT'S
WHY...

...BUT MY
FATHER
DIED
ON HIS
BLADE.

KING IL
SUPPOSEDLY
HATED
WEAPONS
AND AVOIDED
BATTLE...





I...

...I'VE
BEEN
LIVING
FOR
THIS
DAY...

...FOR
THE
PAST
TEN
YEARS.

...WILL
BE THE
RULER OF
KOHKA.

THIS
IS...

I HAVE
AVENGED
MY FATHER
AND WILL
FOLLOW IN
HIS FOOT-
STEPS.



THE
WORST
POSSIBLE
NIGHT-
MARE.

...A
NIGHT-
MARE.

THIS
CAN'T
...

...BE
HAP-
PEN-
ING...

YOUR...

...SMILE...

THIS
HAIRPIN...



"...YOUR
HAIR'S
WONDER-
FUL."

"WELL, I
THINK...



...THIS
HAIRPIN...

YOU
GAVE
ME...

I
WANTED
...

S
H
P

WHY...

I DIDN'T
EXPECT
YOU TO
BE UP SO
LATE.

AND I'D
HEARD THAT
YOU DON'T
OFTEN VISIT
THE KING'S
QUARTERS.

...TO
TELL
HIM...

...DID
YOU
...PRIN-
CESS
YONA?
...COME
HERE
...



...
THAT
...

I
WANTED
...

...I'D
NEVER BE
ABLE TO
GIVE UP
ON YOU.

...TO
TELL...MY
FATHER...

BAM

LORD
SU-WON!



WHAT'S
THIS?

PREPARA-
TIONS ARE
COMPLETE,
SIR!



DID SHE...
SEE WHAT
YOU DID?



MY
LORD,
THIS
GIRL...



SO
YOU'VE
ACHIEVED
YOUR
DREAM
AT
LAST!

THE
KING
...



HMM?

THERE'S
ONLY...

...ONE
THING
TO BE
DONE.

...IS
PRIN-
CESS
YONA!





SILENCE
HER.

...LORD
SU-
WON.

SHE
HAS
TO
DIE...



EVEN
IF YOU
SPARED
HER
LIFE...
...
SHE'D
ONLY
SUFFER.





YES,
SIR!

GO
BRING
HER
BACK,
PLEASE.



OH!

DASH



WHO IS
THAT
PERSON?

WHO?

...ISN'T
SU-WON.

THAT
MAN...

HE
KILLED MY
FATHER...

...AND HE'S
TRYING TO
KILL ME...!



THAT'S
NOT...

...THE
SU-WON
I LOVE.

**F
W
-
P**



DID
HE...

...HATE
ME?

FOR SO
LONG...

...SU-WON
HAS BEEN
ALL THAT
MATTERED
TO ME.

...EVER
SINCE
I WAS
LITTLE...



I
NEVER...

...ASKED
FOR VERY
MUCH.



SKEE

THIS IS
FOR THE
GOOD
OF THE
KINGDOM.



YANK

A A A H !



SAY
YOUR
PRAY-
ERS...

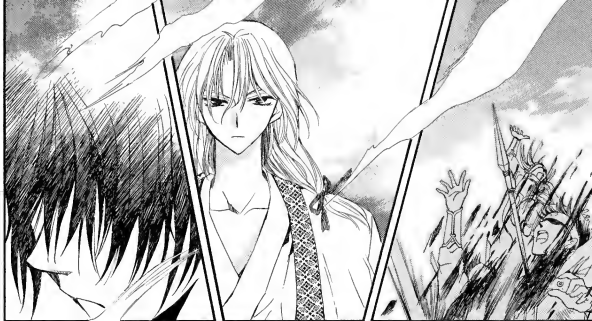
...YOUR
HIGH-
NESS.





JUST
SEEING
HIM SMILE
WOULD
HAVE MADE
ME HAPPY.





...I'D
THOUGHT
I SHOULD
STAY OUT
OF THE
WAY.

WITH
LORD
SU-WON
HERE
TONIGHT...

...AND I
SEE SOME
UNFAMILIAR
FACES.

BUT ALL
THE GUARDS
WHO ARE
SUPPOSED TO
BE ON WATCH
ARE HERE...



...IS
GOING
ON
HERE?

WHAT
THE
HELL...



...LORD
SU-
WON!

EXPLAIN
THIS...



HAK...



H...



...PRIN-
CESS.

I'M SO
SORRY
TO HAVE
LEFT
YOUR
SIDE...

HALT,
WRETCH.

YOU ARE
STANDING
BEFORE
KING SU-
WON...

...THE NEW
MASTER
OF HIRYUU
PALACE.

WHO'S
...

...THE
MASTER
OF WHAT,
NOW?

...YOU
HAVE MY
DEVOTION
AND MY
OBEDIENCE.

HAK...

ARE HAK...
YOU ON MY
SIDE?

...

NO
MATTER
WHAT
HAPPENS
...

S
W
S
H
HIS
MAJESTY
TOLD ME TO
PROTECT
YOU.



...SENT
HIM TO
HELL.



WHERE...

I'M
GETTING A
TERRIBLE
FEELING
HERE...

...LORD
SU-
WON.

...IS
KING
IL?



A
SHORT
TIME
AGO...

...I...

ZAA

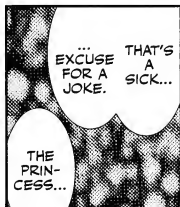


...HAVE
TOO
MUCH TO
DRINK?

DID
YOU...



SHE
WITNESSED
THE KING'S
DEATH WITH
HER OWN
EYES.



... EXCUSE
FOR A
JOKE. THAT'S
A
SICK...

THE
PRIN-
CESS...

...WILL
CONFIRM
IT FOR
YOU.







STAY
BACK.

I'LL
HANDLE
THIS,
LORD
SU-WON.

IF YOU
GET TOO
CLOSE,
HE'LL END
YOU.

THE MAN
BEFORE
YOU IS AN
INTEGRAL
PART OF
HIRYUU
PALACE.

...ONE OF
THE FIVE
GENERALS.
YOU'RE
LOOKING
AT SON
HAK...

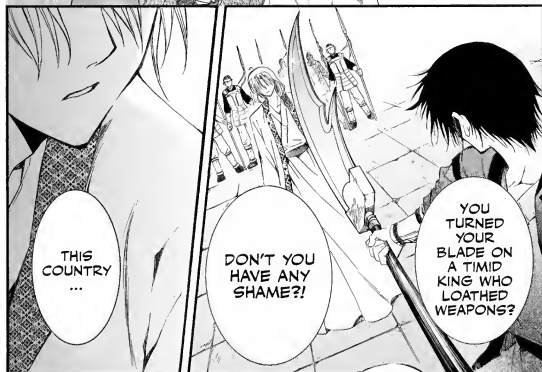
WHY?

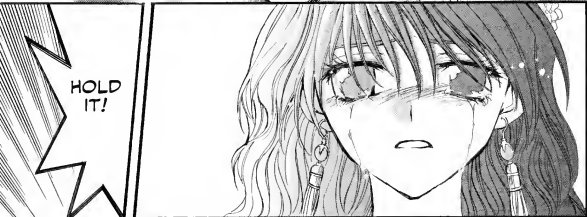
SO
THAT'S THE
THUNDER
BEAST OF
KOHKA...!

MURMUR

HAK
...!









WAS
THE
MAN I
KNEW...

...JUST A
FACADE?



ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT,
LORD
SU-WON?



SU-
WON...





THE MAN
YOU
KNEW...

...NEVER
EXISTED.

IF
ANYONE
GETS IN
MY WAY...

...I WILL
DESTROY
THEM.

I
DON'T
WANT
TO
HEAR
THIS.

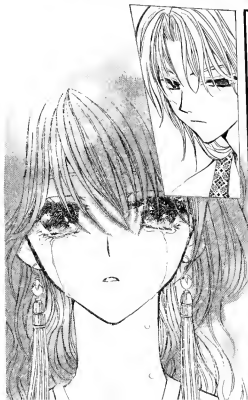
I
DON'T...

...WANT
TO HEAR
ANY
MORE.

NO
MATTER
WHO IT
IS.

I
THOUGHT
I COULD
ENTRUST
HER HIGH-
NESS...

...TO
YOU.





GEN-
ERAL HAK!

GEN-
ERAL!



IS HIS
MAJESTY...
REALLY
DEAD?

YOUR
HIGH-
NESS
...

I
KNOW.

HIS
MAJ-
ESTY
IS—

THIS
WAY!

I OVER-
HEARD.

DID YOU
FIRE
THAT
ARROW
...
...MIN-
SU?
It was
a lousy
shot.



I JUST
CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT.

NOD
I SEE...

FORGIVE
ME FOR
ASKING.



...THAT
IT WAS
YOUR
BIRTHDAY.

ONLY
A FEW
HOURS
AGO, HE
WAS SO
HAPPY...



Did you
find them?
Which
way did
they
go?



YOU TWO
GET OUT
OF THE
PALACE.

I'LL
SECURE
AN
ESCAPE
ROUTE.



IT'S
ONLY A
MATTER
OF TIME
BEFORE
THEY FIND
US.





WHERE
...

...WILL
WE
GO?

IF THEY
CAPTURE
US, WE'RE
AS GOOD
AS DEAD.

I...

DURING
THE PARTY...
MY FATHER
WAS CRYING
FROM JOY.

...THANK
HIM FOR
ANYTHING.
BUT I
NEVER
GOT
TO...

...THE
SOLDIERS
LORD
SU-WON
COMMANDS...

LOOKS
LIKE...

...ARE
GATHERING
AT HIRYU
PALACE.



WHERE
CAN WE
GO...?

...
WHERE
WILL WE
GO?

IF WE
LEAVE
HIM
HERE...

THIS
IS MY
FATHER'S
PALACE
...



...TO
KEEP
YOU
ALIVE.

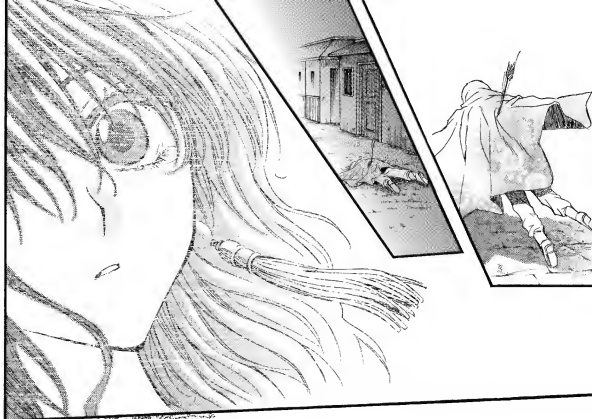
WE'LL
GO ANY-
WHERE
WE HAVE
TO...



...HONOR
HIS
MAJESTY'S
MEMORY.

THAT'S
HOW WE
CAN...





CHAPTER 2 / THE END



CHAPTER 3: HIDDEN STRENGTH





IS
SU-WON...
GOING TO
KILL US?

AND
YOU
TOO
...?

AM I
GOING
TO DIE?

IS...IS
MIN-SU
DEAD?

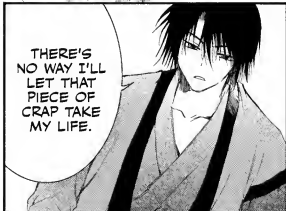


IF YOU
DO...



DON'T
YOU
DARE...
DIE...

...HAK.



THERE'S
NO WAY I'LL
LET THAT
PIECE OF
CRAP TAKE
MY LIFE.



I STILL
CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT...



...
FOR-
GIVE
YOU
...

...I'LL
NEVER,
EVER...

...YOUR
MAJESTY.

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO...?

IT
FEELS
LIKE...

...IT
WASN'T
THAT
LONG
AGO...

KING
IL IS
DEAD.

WHAT A
SORRY
EXCUSE
FOR A
KING...
...
LEAVING
HER HIGH-
NESS TO
FEND FOR
HER-
SELF...

I'VE
BEEN
AT HER
SIDE
FOR A
LONG
TIME.

TELL
ME...

...BEING
DIRTY OR
BEING IN
PAIN.

SHE'S
NEVER
HAD TO
DEAL
WITH...

Thanks to my irregular hours, I don't get a lot of exercise. (Sweat...)

But thanks to my mom, I have good eating habits! ♪... I love veggies, so I eat tons of salad. And I prefer Japanese cuisine over western or Chinese cuisines. ♡ I mean, I like those fine, but miso soup and natto are my comfort foods. I love noodles too?

As for what I don't like... I'm not into meat or shellfish. (But I'm fine with ground meats! I love hamburger steak and meat sauce. ♡ And pork-bone soup! I'm okay with soup stock made from chicken bones and meat.)

When I'm working, meals are what I look forward to most of all. ♡

IT
FEELS
LIKE IT
WAS
JUST
YESTER-
DAY...

HAK!

HEY,
HAK!

HMM?

SON HAK,
AGE 15



THE FIVE
TRIBES HAD A
MEETING TODAY.
I WANTED YOU
THERE TO HELP
REPRESENT THE
WIND TRIBE.

USE-
LESS
BRAT.

WIND TRIBE CHIEF
SON MUN-DEOK

I came to
the palace
with you,
didn't I?
Isn't
that good
enough?

YOU'RE
ALL THE
REPRESENTA-
TION WE
NEED.

YOU'RE
CHIEF OF THE
WIND TRIBE
AND ONE
OF THE FIVE
GENERALS,
LORD MUN-
DEOK.

NOW,
NOW.

BLOOD
MEANS
NOTHING
COMPARED
TO THE
POWER
OF LOVE!

Bleh!

WHACK

POW

YOU
IDIOT!

KING IL'S
TOO BUBBLY.
I CAN'T
STAND
TALKING
TO HIM.

THAT'S
WHAT YOU
HAVE A
PROBLEM
WITH?! WE'RE
NOT EVEN
BLOOD
RELATIVES!

WHAT'S
THIS "LORD
MUN-DEOK"
NONSENSE?
CALL ME
"GRANDPA"!



AW,
CRAP, I
CALLED HIM
"BUBBLY"
OUT LOUD.

YOUR
MAJESTY...
KING II!

THERE'S
NO NEED
TO BOW.

IF
GENERAL
MUN-DEOK
AND HIS
HEIR START
FIGHTING...

...IT
COULD
LEAVE
HIRYUU
PALACE IN
RUINS.



A
COMMONER
LIKE ME
SHOULDN'T
WANDER IN
TOO FREELY.

I'M SAD
THAT YOU
DON'T
VISIT THE
PALACE AS
OFTEN AS
YOU USED
TO.

IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE,
HASN'T
IT, HAK?



Bubbly?

YOU
BUBBLY
LITTLE
LIAR.

Ha
ha
ha...

YONA
GETS
LONELY
WHEN
YOU'RE
NOT
AROUND.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
THAT!





SO...

...WHO
CAN
PROTECT
OTHERS
WITHOUT
WEAPONS.

...YOU
SHOULD
FIND ONE
OF THOSE
FEW
PEOPLE...

TO BE
HONEST...



HAK!



...THERE'S
ANOTHER
REASON I
DON'T WANT
TO STAY
IN THE
PALACE.

AND
BESIDES...

HAK!

I CAN'T
STAND
ALL THE
BACKSTAB-
BING AND
SPYING.

...I DON'T
WANT
ANYTHING
TO DO WITH
THE ROYAL
FAMILY OR
NOBILITY.

AND I
DON'T
SENSE ANY
DANGER
FROM HIS
MAJESTY.

"Bubbly"
really
is the
word.





WHENEVER
I'M...

...NEAR HER
HIGHNESS...

HIDE
ME!

DUCK

...SHE
THROWS ME
OFF-BALANCE.

PRIN-
CESS
YONA!

YOUR
HIGH-
NESS!
WHERE
ARE
YOU?

IT'S
NOT
LIKE
THAT!

IF YOU'RE
GOING TO PULL
A PRANK ON
SOMEONE, YOU
SHOULD BE
SNEAKIER ABOUT
IT, PRINCESS
YONA.

I haven't seen
you in ages, and
that's all you
have to say?

THAT'S
THE SON
OF THE
FIRE
TRIBE'S
CHIEF...



HE'S
MAKING
ADVANCES
TOWARD
YOU?!



Let's
have
some
fun!
Princess!

EVERY TIME
KANG TAE-JUN
COMES TO THE
PALACE, HE
GIVES ME GIFTS
AND ASKS ME
TO JOIN HIM
OUTSIDE.



IT'S
TRUE!

I'm
going to
strangle
you.

SLAP

Ha
ha
ha
ha!



HE'S
SO
PUSHY!

SO WHY
NOT TELL
HIM...

KING IL
DOESN'T
HAVE A
SON...

...SO TAE-JUN'S
TRYING TO WIN
THE PRINCESS'S
HEART SO THAT
HE CAN TAKE
THE THRONE.

...AND
OTHER
STUFF
THAT
MAKES ME
UNCOM-
FORTABLE!

HE'S
ALWAYS
SAYING
"YOU'RE
LOVELY LIKE
A FLOWER!"
OR "YOUR
EYES PIERCE
MY HEART
LIKE AN
ARROW!"...



THAT'S WHY I HATE COMING HERE.

BUT SU-WON DOESN'T FEEL THAT WAY!

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

"SORRY, BUT A CERTAIN YOUNG MAN NAMED SU-WON HAS MY HEART ALREADY."

BLUSH



WHAT?

SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO OTHER PEOPLE.

IN THAT CASE, I GUESS YOU'LL JUST NEED TO MAKE PEACE WITH LORD KANG TAE-JUN.



AND IF I SAY THAT, HE'LL FIND OUT!

STOP BEING SO ANNOYED WITH ME!

THAT'S NOT MY PROBLEM.



IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL...

...SAY ANY-THING LIKE THAT!

SU-WON WOULD NEVER...

YOU'RE SO COLD, HAK.



...THEN GO
CRYING TO
HIM WHEN
YOU WANT
SOMEONE TO
PROTECT
YOU!



You
absol-
utely
are.

I'M
NOT IN
A BAD
MOOD!



AND
CALL ME
"GRAND-
PA."

WHAT'S
GOT YOU
IN SUCH
A BAD
MOOD?



KNOCK

UGH.

I WANT
TO GET
BACK TO
THE WIND
TRIBE
SOON...
...GEN-
ERAL
MUN-
DEOK.



WHAT
BRINGS
YOU
HERE?

NGH
MMPH



PRIN-
CESS
YONA!



PLOP

PLOP

?!



I'M SORRY
ABOUT
EARLIER.



YOU
MUST'VE
BEEN MAD
AT HOW
SPINELESS
I WAS
ACTING.



I'VE GOT
TO STOP
WHINING
AND DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT MY
PROBLEM.

I'M THE
PRINCESS OF
KOHKA, AND
I HAVE MY
HONOR!



IT'S A
PEACE
OFFERING!



BYE.

HEY...!



THOSE
...

...ARE
FOR
YOU.



HOW
WAS HIS
MAJESTY AT
THE TRIBAL
MEETING?

THE FIRE
TRIBE'S
BUYING UP
WEAPONS
FROM
NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES...

OH, HE
JUST DID
EVERYTHING
THE CHIEFS
TOLD HIM TO,
AS USUAL.

...WITH-
OUT HIS
MAJESTY'S
APPROVAL.

THIS IS
WHY I DON'T
WANT TO DEAL
WITH HER
HIGHNESS...





He's a nice guy, though.

BUBBLY

NOT REALLY SURPRISING WITH A KING LIKE THAT.



SHOULD WE REALLY ENTRUST OUR COUNTRY TO SUCH A COWARD?

AT THIS RATE, THE TRIBES ARE GOING TO KEEP GETTING MORE POWERFUL AT HIS EXPENSE.

THEY'VE GOT TONS OF COMPLAINTS.



"WHAT WOULD YOU THINK OF STAYING HERE AS YONA'S GUARD?"

WHEN I SUCCEED GRANDPA AND BECOME A GENERAL...

...I'LL BE A LACKEY FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY.



I SAID ...

...NO!



I'M...

YOU SHOULDN'T BOTHER WITH ME, YOUR MAJESTY.



KANG
TAE-JUN
IS MAKING
ADVANCES
AGAIN.

NOW,
NOW.
DON'T
PLAY
HARD TO
GET.

Her face
is so red.
She's
really
trying
hard.



IT'S THE
PRINCESS.

I'M NOT
GOING TO
THE IMPERIAL
VILLA WITH
YOU.



Tch.

LET GO
OF ME!

I WISH
SU-WON
WAS
HERE.

WHAT
A PAIN.



I HEAR
THE IMPERIAL
VILLA HAS A
MARVELOUS
FLOWER
GARDEN.

WON'T
YOU
SHOW IT
TO ME?

TUG



Wow, you
guys'll have
so much fun!
See you later,
Yona!

WHEN IT
COMES TO
LOVE AND
STUFF, HE'S NO
HELP. HE'S TOO
EASYGOING.

ACTUALLY,
NO.

Hmm...



I BET IT'S
HARD ON HER
HIGHNESS.

HE'S ALWAYS
BEEN LIKE
THAT.



SOMEONE
SHOULD
STOP HIM.

IT
DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE
HER HIGH-
NESS IS
ENJOYING
THAT.

BUT...



...THAT'S
GENERAL
KANG'S
SON.



THE
NOBILITY
ARE AGGRA-
VATING, AS
ALWAYS.

LET'S
GET THE
KING.

WE
DON'T
WANT TO
WIND UP
WITH THE
GENERAL
ANGRY
AT US.



IT'S
NOT MY
PROBLEM.

I'M NOT
GETTING
INVOLVED.



IF I
DON'T...

...I'LL...

I'M
IGNORING
THIS.

"SORRY
ABOUT
EARLIER."

...JUST
KEEP
ON...



"IT'S A
PEACE
OFFERING!"



YOU
REALLY
ARE
ADORABLE,
AREN'T
YOU...

...PRIN-
CESS?

...THAT'S
QUITE
ENOUGH
...

I
THINK...

NO...

I WANT
YOU TO
STOP!

WHEN YOU
RESIST,
IT'S LIKE
FIGHTING A
KITTEN.

IT MAKES
ME WANT TO
TOUCH YOU
EVEN MORE.





...LORD
KANG
TAE-JUN.



...TOUCH
HER HIGH-
NESS SO
FREELY!

DON'T
...

WH-WHO
ARE YOU?
THE INSO-
LENCE!

SAME
TO YOU.

HAK
-!



WHOSE
PRIN-
CESS?

HIS
PRINCESS?

OH,
DON'T
I?

Y-YOU
HAVE NO
RIGHT TO
SPEAK
OF HER
THAT WAY,
BRAT!



RIGHT
...
...YOUR
HIGH-
NESS?

WHEN WE
WERE LITTLE,
SHE AND I
VOWED TO
SPEND OUR
LIVES
TOGETHER.

HUH?
WHAT?



WHO SAID
YOU COULD
TOUCH MY
PRINCESS?





ME?



I...
...CAN'T
ACCEPT
THAT!

...



EVEN IF THAT'S
TRUE, I CAN'T
STAND FOR
THE PRINCESS
SHARING HER
FUTURE WITH
THE LIKES OF
YOU!

I AM KANG
TAE-JUN,
SECOND SON
OF GENERAL
KANG—CHIEF
OF THE FIRE
TRIBE!



...MIGHT
YOU
BE?

AND
WHO...



I'M
SON HAK,
THE NEXT
GENERAL
OF THE
WIND
TRIBE.



THE
KING HAS
PERSONALLY
CHOSEN ME
TO SERVE AS
PRINCESS
YONA'S
GUARD.



...THAT
YOU
PROVE
YOUR
WORTH!

SHI
NG

IF THAT'S
THE CASE,
THEN I
DEMAND...



GRR!

GOT A
PROBLEM
WITH
THAT?



GRIP



YOU
MUSTN'T
DO THAT.

YOUR
MAJES-
TY?!



IT'S ALL
RIGHT.

F-
FORGIVE
ME...



UGH,
WHAT
A PAIN.

WELL,
SINCE YOU
SPOKE UP,
HE PROBABLY
WON'T COME
AROUND
ANYMORE.

STOP
TALKING,
HAK.

IT'S
NOT
WHAT
YOU
THINK!
F-
FATHER
!

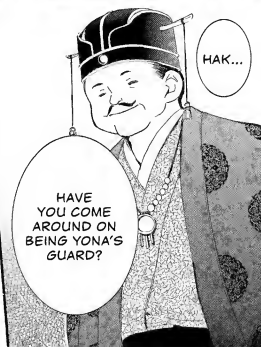
I DIDN'T
REALIZE
YOU TWO
HAD THAT
SORT OF
RELATION-
SHIP.



HONESTLY,
THESE
TWO...

MY
SERVICES
DON'T
COME
CHEAP.

I KNEW
I COULD
COUNT
ON YOU.

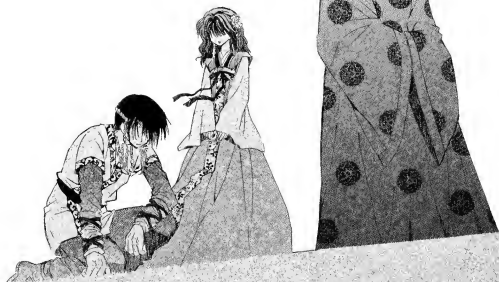


HAK...

HAVE
YOU COME
AROUND ON
BEING YONA'S
GUARD?

I CAN'T
ABANDON
HER.

I'M
ENTRUSTING
MY DAUGHTER
TO YOU.



AND...





...OUR
KING
ISN'T A
COWARD
AT ALL.

...IT
TURNS
OUT...

ARE YOU
STILL
WATCHING
OVER US
FROM
SOME-
WHERE?

KING
IL...



I WILL
PROTECT...

...THE
DAUGHTER
YOU LEFT
BEHIND.

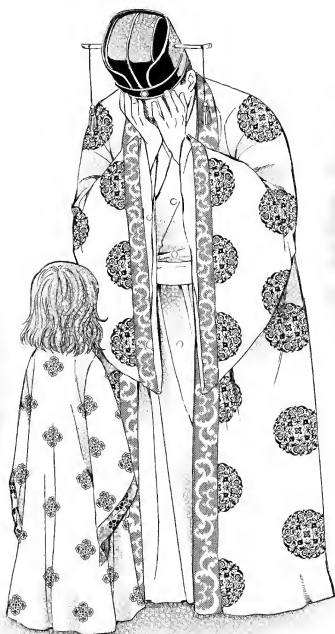


AND WE
WILL...



...RETURN
TO YOUR
PALACE.

CHAPTER 3 / THE END



**CHAPTER 4:
DISTANT SKIES**

PLEASE
DON'T CRY,
FATHER.

YOU'RE
NOT
ALONE.

MOTHER'S
GONE, BUT
I'M STILL
HERE.

AND...





...I HAVE
SU-WON
WITH ME.



YONA!

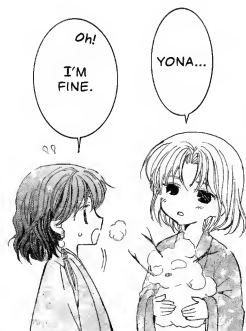


UH-
HUH.



IT'S
SNOW!

LOOK!





AND WATCH
WHERE
YOU'RE
GOING, YOUR
HIGHNESS.

I WAS
IN SUCH
A GOOD
MOOD
TOO...



YAY,
IT'S
HAK!
♡

HAK!
?!

KEEP
AWAY
FROM
ME.



I'M MAKING
IT SO THAT
EVERYONE WHO
PASSES BY
KNOWS I WAS
HERE.

?!
?

WHY
ARE YOU
LYING
DOWN
THERE?



OH?
♪

AND IT
MAKES
YOU THE
PERFECT
TARGET
FOR
SNOW-
BALLS.



WANTING
TO RELAX
IN FRESH
WHITE
SNOW IS
ONLY
NATURAL.

That's
so
cool,
Hak!



Let
me
play
too!

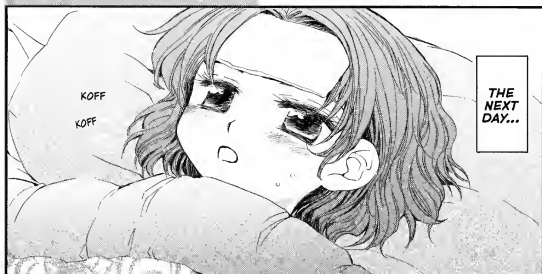


YOU
CHEERED
YONA
RIGHT
UP.

THAT'S
AMAZING,
HAK!

Graaah!

Thank
good-
ness.



KOFF
KOFF

THE
NEXT
DAY...



SHE'LL
BE FINE
AS LONG
AS SHE
TAKES HER
MEDICINE
AND GETS
SOME
REST.

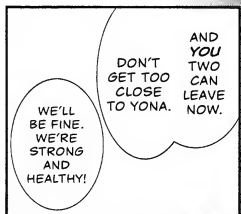
I'M
SORRY,
YONA.

PLAYING IN
THE SNOW
WAS TOO
MUCH FOR
HER.

UM...

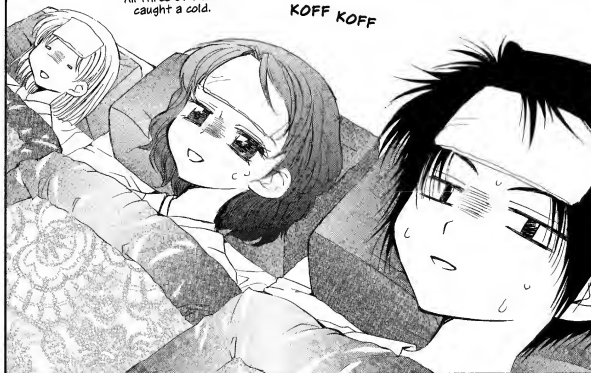


YONA ISN'T
FEELING
GOOD ANY-
MORE...



All three of them
caught a cold.

KOFF KOFF



Plus,
the
nurse
here is
great.

IT'S
BETTER IF
WE RECOVER
HERE SO WE
DON'T GET
ANYONE
ELSE SICK.

SHOULDN'T
YOU TWO
HEAD
HOME...?

THAT
EXPLAINS WHY
I THOUGHT
THERE WERE
SNOWBALLS
FLYING
AROUND ME...

YOU
CAN'T BE
SERIOUS.

WHAT?!

ALL
THREE
OF US
SHOULD
HOLD
HANDS!

I'm
in
the
way.

I THINK
I SHOULD
LEAVE.

YOU DO
THAT?

LATELY I'VE
BEEN HOLDING
YONA'S HAND
WHILE WE
SLEEP, SO THIS
IS JUST LIKE
NORMAL.

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP



AAGH!

HAK!!!

SLAM

GENERAL!
PLEASE
STOP.
THEY'RE
SICK.

Noooo!
Not
that!

YOU
WHIPPER-
SNAPPER!
GET READY
FOR A
WHIPPING!

YOU BRAT!
I HEARD
HER HIGH-
NESS FELL
ILL BECAUSE
YOU WERE
THROWING
SNOW AT
HER.

GRAND-
PA?!

WAS THAT
GENERAL
MUN-DEOK,
THE CHIEF
OF THE WIND
TRIBE?

if I go
home,
he'll
kill
me.

I THINK
I WILL
STAY
HERE...

GRANDPA
GOT
SCOLDED
AND
LEFT...

LOOOOOM

IF
THERE'S
SNOW, IT'S
PROTOCOL
TO THROW
IT AT
SOMEONE.

It's not like I
put a curse
on her.



I DIDN'T
KNOW HE
WAS YOUR
GRAND-
FATHER.

GRANDPA
AND I
AREN'T
ACTUALLY
RELATED.

I'M AN
ORPHAN.



He's
so
cool!

YUP.

HE'S
MY
HERO!

EVERY-
ONE SAYS
HE'S THE
STRONGEST
OF THE FIVE
GENERALS.

I'VE
NEVER
BEEN SO
CLOSE
TO HIM
BEFORE.



...MUN-
DEOK
CAME TO
SEE
YOU.

BUT...

HE ADOPTED
ME INTO HIS
TRIBE.

I SEE.



I
GUESS.



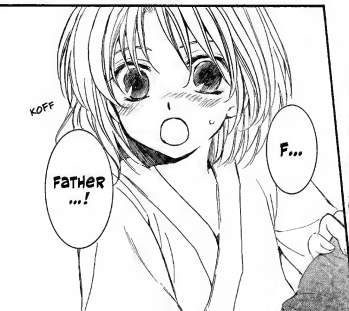
SOMEONE
ELSE IS
COMING.

TROMP
TROMP
TROMP

HE MUST
REALLY
LOVE YOU,
HUH?



K
L
A
K





DO YOU
THINK I'D
LET SOME
PALTRY
ILLNESS
DEFEAT
ME?

BUT
WHAT IF
YOU GET
SICK FROM
BEING
NEAR ME?



IS IT
STRANGE
FOR ME TO
VISIT MY
SON WHEN
HE'S SICK?

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?



HE'S SO
TOUGH AND
STERN:

HE'S
NOTHING
LIKE SU-WON
AT ALL.

UNCLE
YU-HON...

BUT
I HEAR
YOU'RE
VERY BUSY
RIGHT
NOW...

O-OF
COURSE
NOT!



I WANT
YOU TO
SLAUGHTER
THAT SICK-
NESS AS
SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

YOU
MUSTN'T
MAKE YOUR
MOTHER
WORRY.

"SLAUGHTER"?

I WILL!



MOTHER
...?!

YON-HI WAS
DETERMINED
TO COME
TOO.



BUT IN HER
CONDITION,
IT WOULD BE
DANGEROUS
FOR HER TO
FALL ILL, SO
I MADE HER
STAY HOME.

Whew...



...I'LL
SEND SOME
GET-WELL
GIFTS
LATER.

**T
W
I
T
C
H**

AS
FOR
THE
REST
OF
YOU...



AWESTRUCK

TREMBL
TREMBL

I
WAS...
SO
SCARED
...

I GOT
CHILLY
JUST
BEING
NEAR
HIM.

Heh...

HE'S
ALWAYS SO
INTENSE.



WHAT A
WONDERFUL
DAY!



FATHER...

Take
that!
And
that!

GO TO
SLEEP,
IDIOT.

ALL RIGHT,
I'LL DO MY
BEST TO
SLAUGHTER
THIS SICK-
NESS!

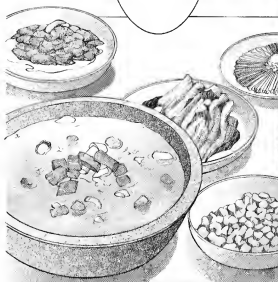
IT HURTS
SO MUCH,
FATHER.

JUST
HAVE...

...ONE BITE,
PRINCESS.
PLEASE?

DON'T
ABANDON
ME.

WHY
WON'T
YOU
VISIT
ME?



I
DON'T
WANT
ANY.



I started a blog.

I'm going to take pictures with my cell phone like everyone else!



Hijiki rice for dinner



What a depressing-looking meal...



My idol? I know! I'll take pictures of my cat.

Ion!



Scary...



IF YOU DON'T, YOU'LL GET UGLIER, YOUR HIGHNESS.

YOU NEED TO EAT A LITTLE, YONA.

HIS MAJESTY HASN'T COME TO VISIT HER?

SILENCE

HOW TYPICAL OF HIM.

NO. I INFORMED HIM ABOUT HER HIGHNESS, BUT...

I'LL BET HE DOESN'T WANT TO GO NEAR HIS DAUGHTER BECAUSE HE'S SCARED TO GET SICK.



BE
QUIET!



I
ADMIRE
THAT.

HE'S
DOING HIS
JOB EVEN
AT A TIME
LIKE THIS.

YOUR
FATHER
IS THE
KING.

I hurt
my
throat...

SHH—



I'M
SORRY.

YEAH...



I'M SORRY
FOR
THINKING
I WAS ALL
ALONE.

LET'S
SLEEP
CLOSE
TOGETHER
TONIGHT!

YOU'RE
ALREADY
SICK.

DON'T
COME
NEAR ME!
I'LL GET
SICK.



THAT
WAS A
LOUD
GROWL.

BOP

OW! AA



I'LL CALL
FOR SOME
FOOD.

DING
DING



OH!
ARE YOU
HUNGRY,
YONA?

GAAAAA



FSH

FSH



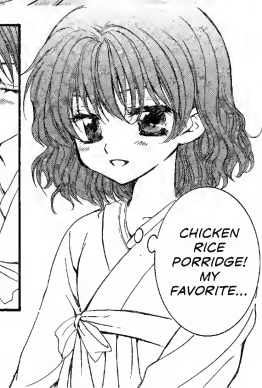
...AW-
FUL?

WHY
IS IT
SO...

Is there
something
wrong with
my taste
buds?



IT'S
THAT BAD,
HMM?



CHICKEN
RICE
PORRIDGE!
MY
FAVORITE...



I WAS WORRIED,
SO I CAME
TO CHECK
UP ON
YOU.

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?

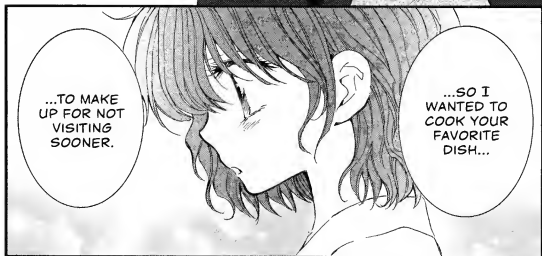
I HEARD
YOU
DIDN'T
EAT...



BUBBLY

FATHER
?!

I MADE
THAT FOR
YOU.



...TO MAKE
UP FOR NOT
VISITING
SOONER.

...SO I
WANTED TO
COOK YOUR
FAVORITE
DISH...



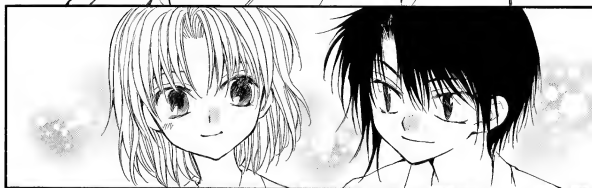
I
THOUGHT HMM?
IT TASTED
BAD?

NOM
NOM



I FOLLOWED
THE RECIPE
AS BEST I
COULD.

Sorry.





BECAUSE
YOU CAN'T
SLEEP NEXT
TO HER
HIGHNESS
ANYMORE?

I CAN
SLEEP
NEXT TO
HER ANY
TIME I
WANT.

NOT
REALLY.

I'M
DISAP-
POINTED.

YOU
SOUND DIS-
APPOINTED,
YOUR HIGH-
NESS.

WHAT?



I WISH...

...WE
COULD
ALL...



...SLEEP
NEXT TO
EACH OTHER
FOREVER AND
EVER, EVEN
IF IT MEANT
HAVING THAT
COLD.

...IS
PRETTY
SIMPLE.

STAYING
TOGETHER...

WE DON'T
HAVE TO
BE SICK.



YOU'RE
RIGHT.

LET'S
PLAY AGAIN
TOMORROW.

HAK...

SU-
WON...



LET'S PLAY
FOREVER AND
EVER...

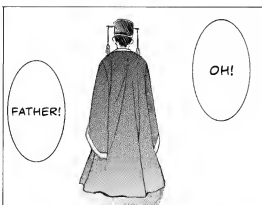
HUH?



WHERE
DID THEY
GO?



FATHER
—



FATHER!

OH!



SWAY...

THUD



S-SU...
WON...?





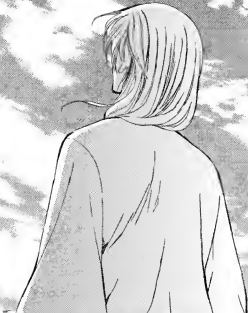


THE
THREE
OF US...

...ALWAYS
USED TO
GAZE UP
AT THE SKY
TOGETHER.



THAT SKY IS
NOWHERE TO
BE SEEN NOW.



LORD
SU-WON!



NO.



I'LL
DISPATCH
SOME
MEN TO
PURSUE
THEM—



I SEE.



HER HIGHNESS
AND GENERAL
HAK ARE
NOWHERE TO
BE FOUND
WITHIN THE
PALACE
OR IN ITS
VICINITY.



NOW THAT
THEY'VE
LEFT THE
PALACE,
THERE'S
NOTHING
THEY CAN
DO TO US.

ANYWAY...

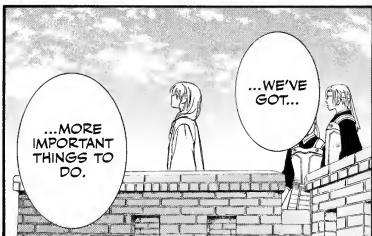
BUT
...

YOU'RE
GOING
TO LET
THEM
LIVE?



WHAT?

WE CAN
IGNORE
THEM.



CHAPTER 5: JUST BREATHING





...YOUR
HIGHNESS?

AREN'T
YOU GOING
TO EAT...

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Yona of the Dawn has only just started, but I hope you'll keep checking it out!

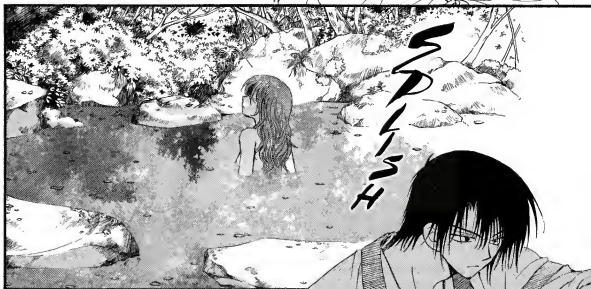
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SHE'S
GETTING
WEAKER
AND
WEAKER.



AAAH!

SPLASH

HIS
MAJESTY'S
DEATH...

SU-WON'S
BETRAYAL...

AND NOT
JUST
PHYSI-
CALLY.

TIME'S
PASSING, BUT
SHE STILL
CAN'T FACE
THE REALITY
OF THE
SITUATION.



LEECHES.

W-WHAT
ARE
THESE
THINGS
...?

HOLD
STILL.



THEY
CAN'T
HURT
YOU.

DON'T
WORRY.

THEY'RE
BLOOD-
SUCKERS.
YOU FIND
THEM IN
PONDS AND
SWAMPS.

BLOOD
...

Take
that!



TURN

I'LL
LEAVE
YOUR
CLOTHES
HERE.



HOW
LONG...



FROM
NOW ON,
I HAVE TO
TAKE HER
WHEREVER
I GO.

CRAP.
DON'T
GET ANY
FUNNY
IDEAS.

Normally she
would've hit me.



SHE'S
LIKE A
DOLL.

ARE YOU
HAPPY
NOW...?



SHE DOESN'T
EAT. SHE GOES
WHEREVER I
PUT HER.

...IS SHE
GOING TO
BE IN THIS
CONDITION?



THE YEARS
WE SPENT
TOGETHER...

ARE YOU
SATISFIED...

THE
PRINCESS
WHO
ADORED
YOU...

...SU-
WON?

YOU
DESTROYED
THEM ALL.

THIS
IS...

...THE
HAIRPIN
SU-WON
GAVE HER
AT THE
PARTY.

GRP

SHE
KEPT
IT...



PRINCESS
YONA.



WE NEED
TO COVER
SOME
GROUND
BEFORE
DARK.

WE
HAVE TO
HURRY.





LET'S
STOP
HERE
FOR THE
NIGHT.



GASP



AND I
GOT RID
OF ALL THE
LEECHES
BACK AT
THE POND.



DON'T
WORRY, THE
BUGS ARE
HARMLESS.



PAT

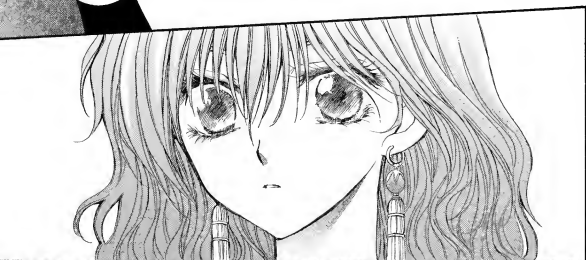


...LOSE
SOME-
THING?

DID
YOU...



WHAT'S
THE
MATTER?

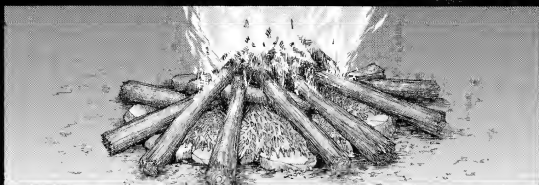


SHAKE
SHAKE



RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

I DON'T...



...NEED THAT THING.



I DON'T NEED IT AT ALL.



"YONA..."

"I THINK
YOUR HAIR'S
WONDERFUL."

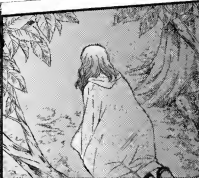
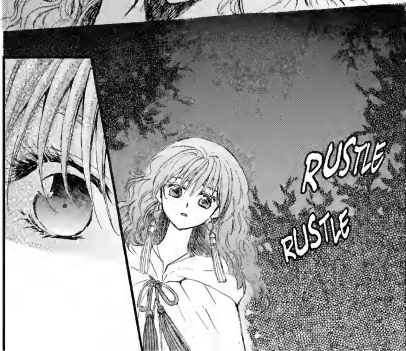
"...OF THE
SKY AT
DAWN."

"IT'S THE
COLOR..."











"THE
MAN YOU
KNEW..."

"...NEVER
EXISTED."

"IF
ANYONE
GETS IN
MY WAY..."





"...I WILL
DESTROY
THEM."

NO
...!



ARE
YOU
ALL
RIGHT?



WHY'D
YOU
COME
ALL
THIS
WAY?

YOU
WERE
GONE
FOR SO
LONG...



ARE YOU
TRYING
TO GET
YOURSELF
KILLED?!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU CAME
HERE
ALONE!

AND IT'S
DARK—
YOU
COULD
SLIP AND
FALL!

THESE
SNAKES
ARE
VENOM-
OUS.







...YOU
ARE MY
MASTER.

RUSTLE

WITH HIS
MAJESTY
GONE...



...TO
SURVIVE.

USE ME
HOWEVER
YOU HAVE
TO...

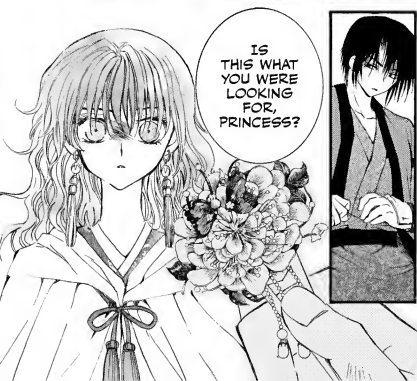


THAT'S...



...WHY
I'M HERE.





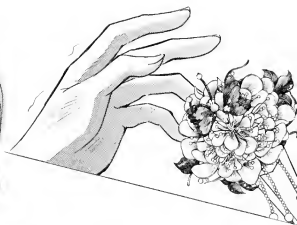
IS
THIS WHAT
YOU WERE
LOOKING
FOR,
PRINCESS?



I'M
FINE.



I KNOW HOW
TO TREAT
VENOMOUS
SNAKEBITES.



BUT THE
IMPORTANT
THING IS
THAT...

...I WANT
YOU TO
LIVE.



I'LL
NEVER
FORGIVE
SU-WON.



RIGHT
NOW...

...I NEED
SOMETHING
TO HOLD YOU
TOGETHER.

IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
WHAT
IT IS.

LOOKING
FOR THAT
HAIRPIN...
...WAS THE
FIRST THING
YOU DID OF
YOUR OWN
VOLITION
SINCE WE
ENTERED
THE
MOUNTAINS.



...IT'S A
FEELING
YOU CAN'T
LET GO
OF.

EVEN
IF...



I'M
FINE.

TWITCH



NOW
THAT
YOU'RE
UP, LET'S
GET
MOVING.

YOU THINK
SOME TINY
SNAKEBITE
IS GONNA DO
IN *GENERAL*
HAK?

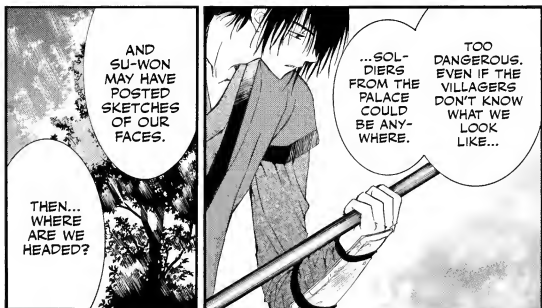


WE
SHOULD
FIND A
VILLAGE.
WE NEED
FOOD AND
MEDICINE.

WHY
ARE WE
GOING
INTO THE
MOUN-
TAINS?

OH...
HAK? UM...

HMM?



AND
SU-WON
MAY HAVE
POSTED
SKETCHES
OF OUR
FACES.

THEN...
WHERE
ARE WE
HEADED?

...SOL-
DIERS
FROM THE
PALACE
COULD
BE ANY-
WHERE.

TOO
DANGEROUS.
EVEN IF THE
VILLAGERS
DON'T KNOW
WHAT WE
LOOK
LIKE...



FUUGA,
THE
CAPITAL
CITY OF
THE WIND
TRIBE.



THE ONLY
PLACE WE
CAN RELY
ON RIGHT
NOW...



MY
HOME-
LAND.

CHAPTER 5 / THE END



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